

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
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Commission Meeting: June 10, 2008, 9:00 a.m.

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9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

9:30 a.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Verizon N2008.5.54 (Scott)

On May 22, 2008, Verizon requested changes to its tariffs. In this filing Verizon is requesting to add network MCI One Card surcharges; increase Rates for RLA, RLH, RLI, RLJ and RLK; Grandfather Small Business Term Plans 3, 4, and 5; and Introduce Small Business 10 Percent Discount for 3 Invoices. Probable Motion: Approve Verizon's tariff request in N2008.5.54.

Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. N2008.5.55 – Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. – Motion for Protective Order Related to Schedules 27 and 28 of its 2007 Annual Report - Consider and rule on Lincoln Telephone's Motion to protect Annual Report Schedules 27 and 28 data (top ten Montana-based employees' compensation). (6/10/08)
2. D2008.1.6 – PSC Initiated -Investigation of Qwest Corporation Regarding the Justness and Reasonableness of Rates, Schedules and Terms and Conditions of Service (AFOR) – Address Qwest's objection to Sprint's intervention request. (6/10/08)
3. Basic Access Communications, Inc. – Basic Access initiated unauthorized charges for conference calling to numerous Montana customers. Filed complaints have been resolved; however, the company is not cooperating in our follow-up to see if they credited remaining customers. – Consider sharing files with the Montana Attorney General's office to pursue unfair trade practices along with enforcing PSC cramming rules. (6/10/08)
4. D2008.5.48 – United Materials of Great Falls, Inc. and Exergy Development Group, LLC – Petition to set terms and conditions of a QF contract with NorthWestern Energy – Discuss/act on motion to dismiss. (6/10/08)
5. Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System (WREGIS) – Discuss authorizing staff to register the PSC as a program administrator. (6/10/08)

6. D2008.3.30 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – Conservation Tracking Adjustment for the Period Ending February 29, 2008 – Act on requested reduction to CTA rate in the Natural Gas Conservation Programs. (6/10/08)
7. D2008.5.44 - NorthWestern Energy – Annual Application for Approval of Monthly Gas Cost Tracker True-Up, Projected Gas Costs, and Gas Transportation Balance – Consider and act on Motion for Protective Order. (6/10/08)
8. Placeholder - Organization of MISO States (OMS) Comments to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) – Discuss draft OMS comments. (6/10/08)
9. N2007.5.50 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) – 2007 Integrated Electric Least Cost Resource Plan – Review MDU's 2007 IRP and set date for public meeting. (6/10/08)

Other Meetings

Weekly Scheduling, Review of Monthly Calendars, and Docket Status Updates (if requested by a Commissioner).

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.mt.gov/Consumers/comments>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. AT&T N2008.5.58 (Scott)

On May 29, 2008, AT &T filed Tariff Transmittal 2008-07. This filing introduces ABN Loyalty Pricing as well as grandfathers ABN LD rating methodology and rate schedules. AT&T requests an effective date of July 1, 2008.

Protective Orders – Notice Items The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. The Commission will rule on the requests no earlier than 10 days after the publication date of this agenda. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Any person wanting a copy of a protective order request should contact the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

1. Energy West Inc. and Cut Bank Gas Co. D2008.3.27 (Al)

On June 2, 2008, Energy West Incorporated (EWI) and Cut Bank Gas Company (CBGC) filed a motion for protective order to govern access to certain confidential information that will be provided in response to data requests. Specifically, EWI and CBGC seek protection of the following:

A. Worksheets, memos, communications and analysis related to the valuation of the Production Properties or the estimated value of the natural gas, crude oil, and liquefiable hydrocarbon resources associated with the Production Properties;

B. Worksheets, memos, communications and analysis estimating the remaining product in the Production Properties or wells and/or the undeveloped potential on natural gas, crude oil, and liquefiable hydrocarbon resources in the wells or Production Properties;

C. The components of the estimated reduction in total gas costs, the strategy for achieving a reduction in total gas costs, and the impact of increases in market prices of natural gas costs from its current levels on the ability to achieve reductions in total gas costs; and

D. Those portions of agreements and invoices between EWI and its retained expert, Dan Hickman, that disclose the terms of the compensation package negotiated between EWI and Mr. Hickman or that disclose information related to services Mr. Hickman may have provided on projects unrelated to EWI's proposed acquisition of CBGC.

EWI and CBGC assert that the information is trade secret or confidential business information.

2. NorthWestern Energy (NWE) D2007.7.82 (Al)

On June 5, 2008, NWE filed a motion for protective order to govern access to certain alleged confidential information in this docket. Specifically, NWE seeks protection of the following:

(a) Detailed actual and forecast daily and monthly costs associated with purchases and sales of natural gas;

(b) Detailed actual and forecast daily and monthly volumes associated with purchases and sales of natural gas;

(c) Location of receipt and delivery of specific purchases and sales of natural gas; and

(d) Parties with whom NWE purchased or sold natural gas in the 2007-2008 tracker period, with whom it expects to purchase or sell natural gas in the future.

NWE asserts that the information is confidential as trade secret.

Protective Orders – Information Items The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be obtained by calling the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2008.5.44 – NorthWestern Energy – Annual Application for Approval of Monthly Gas Cost Tracker True-Up, Projected Gas Costs and Gas Transportation Balance

D2008.5.45 – NorthWestern Energy - Annual Application for Approval of Electric Supply Deferred Cost Account Balance and Projected Supply Cost

D2008.5.56 – Ronan Telephone Company - Application for Approval of Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement with Alltel Communications, LLC

D2008.5.57 – Energy West Incorporated – Petition for Approval of Corporate Reorganization to Create a Holding Company Structure

N2008.5.58 - AT&T Communications – Tariff Transmittal No. 2008-07, Changes to Custom Network Tariff and Price List

D2008.6.59 – NorthWestern Energy – Request for Approval of Bonneville Power Administration 2008 Residential Exchange Credit